

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 17-20 are pending in the present Application. Claims 17, 19, and 20 are amended by the present amendment. Applicants submit that no new matter has been introduced via this Amendment.

Claims 17, 19, and 20 maintain the elements indicated by the Notice of Allowance of August 10, 2005 as patentably defining over the cited art. Accordingly, Claims 17-20 are believed to be patentable.

Accordingly, the pending claims are believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

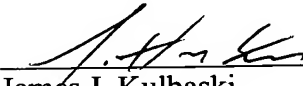
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